# All Saints' Sunday

# Our Worship of God

November 2, 2025

11:15 am

(**†** Indicates those who are able, please stand)

The spirit of the world tells us to be like everyone else, to settle for what comes easy. We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and for the world.

-Pope Francis

#### **Gathering Chime**

As the bell is chimed, we invite you to pause, center yourself, and prepare your heart and mind for worship.

**Prelude** 

# Song of the Saints

by Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir w/ Colleen Ostercamp

Tell the loved ones we are safe now. Tell them we have no more pain. Do not hurry heaven's journey, But do not fear it just the same. Every promise Christ has given Through our voyage was proven true. Christ prepared for us a mansion And a mansion waits for you.

All will go through times of grieving, Ev'ry tear must be released; But live a tribute to our mem'ry, Heal your pain with holy peace. So do not faint from earthly challenge, Hold your faith and live it strong. Years on earth are but a moment, Days in heav'n go on and on.

For our faith was never futile As we trusted in the Lord; Ev'ry word now has been proven: All we knew and even more.

#### **†**Call to Worship (responsive)

May we remember

That God created.

May we remember

That God liberated.

May we remember

That God fed.

May we remember

That God is *still* creating, God is *still* liberating, God is *still* feeding us.

Let this be our story.

Our story which began before us with our saints of faith.

And continues to this day.

Let us worship our God.

**+**Hymn 612

How Firm a Foundation

**†**Passing the Peace of Christ

**+**Hymn 751 (vs. 1 & 2)

For All the Saints

#### All Saints' Litany (responsive)

Today, we remember the ancestors of our faith, from Abraham to Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

#### We remember you.

We remember those whose lives built the foundation for the First Baptist faith family:

#### We remember you.

We remember grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

#### We remember you.

We lift up the memories of siblings, spouses, partners, significant loves, children and friends, whose lives ended too soon:

### We remember you.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with you forever.

As we read the names, we will pause after each name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their lives.

Diane Fowler

Ronald Anderson

Gerda Yasuda

#### Time of Remembrance

Along with these names, there are others you have known outside of these walls. We invite you to ring a bell in their memory and then speak their name aloud.

Silence is kept while the bell is rung.

We remember and honor you. You will not be forgotten. We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to be with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, You, O God, are with us. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

#### **Affirmation of Faith (responsive)**

The story of God calls us to remember—

that we belong to one another, for we are bone of bone and flesh of flesh.

The story of God calls us to remember—

that the wilderness is real, and that God will be with us—raining down manna and speaking in a still, small voice.

The story of God calls us to remember—

because if we forget, we risk making God, love, and reconciliation small.

So as we remember, may we declare—

we believe in a God who made all things good, who goes with us in the wilderness, loves with an untamed heart, and makes room for all at God's table. Amen.

**†**Hymn 751 (verse 5)

For All the Saints

**Scripture Reading** 

Ella Pritchett

#### Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes. Do everything without grumbling and arguing so that you may be blameless and pure, innocent children of God surrounded by people who are crooked and corrupt. Among these people you shine like stars in the world because you hold on to the word of life. This will allow me to say on the day of Christ that I haven't run for nothing or worked for nothing. But even if I am poured out like a drink offering upon the altar of service for your faith, I am glad. I'm glad with all of you. You should be glad about this in the same way. Be glad with me!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Special Music** Blessed Assurance (with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")

Chancel Bells

**+**Hymn 751 (verse 3)

For All the Saints

**Prayer for Communion (responsive)** 

Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,

To taste the feast,

the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace,

Even as we have moved away, You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.

We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.

For the One this meal remembers. For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,

Whose hands touched the bread, Whose lips embraced the cup, We worship you. We glorify you. And we remember all those who have gone before us, As we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

> Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our siblings in faith around the world. **Amen.** 

#### Communion

## **+**Hymn of Response

We Remember with Thanksgiving sung to NETTLETON

We remember with thanksgiving those who dared frontiers of old, speaking words of faithful living, they in truth the gospel told. They believed the church's story that in Christ all folk are one. Both the mission and the glory were that God's good will be done.

We rejoice to see the spirit working here and now as then. claiming lives of those who hear it – good news told by tongue and pen – reconciling teaching, healing, saving body, mind and soul, peace with justice, love revealing God's desire to make us whole.

Into future generations may the word go out abroad, so all peoples, lands, and nations join to praise the triune God. Then, in gratitude for vision, reaffirm, recall, rejoice, Recommit ourselves to mission, still the church's clearest voice.

Message Rev. David Wallace

**†Hymn 521** In Heavenly Love Abiding

Life of the Church Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**†Benediction** Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**†Postlude** Sine nomine Paul Leddington Wright Colleen Ostercamp, organ

# Worship Notes

*How Firm a Foundation,* Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.; sts. 2-5 from Isaiah 43:1-5. Music: Traditional American melody.

For All the Saints, Words: William W. How, 1864. Music: Ralph Vaughan Willaims, 1906.

Blessed Assurance (with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")- arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

We Remember with Thanksgiving, Jane Parker Huber, 0-664-25649-X.

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*, Words: Anna L. Waring, 1850. Music: Traditional Finnish melody, arr. David Evans, 1927.

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# Week at a Glance

# Sunday, November 2 – All Saints' Sunday

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour -Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

# Monday, November 3

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

# Tuesday, November 4

1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

# Wednesday, November 5

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

# <u>Thursday, November 6</u>

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

# Sunday, November 9

- 9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:15 am Awakening Service in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour -Adult, Youth & First Kids Sunday School
- 11:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

# Announcements

# Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect



# FBC Scholarship Applications

The Teaching Team will be accepting scholarship applications through November 30th. The Scholarship Program aims to support those continuing their education and training beyond secondary school. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please see the criteria and instructions found on our website at <a href="https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/">https://fbc-columbia.org/get-involved/fbc-scholarship-programs-2025/</a>.

# **Encourager Church Partnership Begins!**

Rick and Lita Sample, CBF Field Personnel serving in the San Francisco Bay Area, will be our new Encourager Church partners! They have served with CBF since 2002 as a welcoming presence for immigrants, refugees, and other internationals. Rick and Lita will join us on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to formally begin our partnership. Here are some highlights of the weekend:

#### Saturday, November 15, 5:00 pm

Meeting with youth and parents to discuss a trip to visit the Samples during Spring Break, 2026

#### Sunday, November 16, 11:15 am

Signing our Encourager Church Covenant in worship

#### Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm

Soup and Salad Reception in the Fellowship Hall to get to know the Samples better

#### **Getting Involved Locally**

The Serving Team has opportunities for service with some of our local partners. Information about these opportunities is available on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary. You can sign up on the board to be a part of the work at Stonebridge House, Love Columbia, and more.

# Youth Led Combined Worship - November 16

We anticipate with joy participating in worship led by our youth. They have been studying worship planning on Wednesday nights as they prepare to lead us. It's wonderful to have this opportunity to hear the future leaders of the church!

# The Season of Giving

As November begins, we enter a season of appreciation and generosity. Today, on All Saints' Day, we pause to remember the faith and generosity of those who came before us. At First Baptist, we are grateful for the legacy left by our ancestors whose endowed gifts continue to sustain the daily life of our church. Because of their foresight, our current budget can generously support vital mission and outreach partners such as the Voluntary Action Center, the Food Bank, and Love Columbia, who accompany and advocate for our marginalized neighbors.

As we honor their generosity, we are also called to respond to the needs of today. The ongoing federal government shutdown has created a food insecurity crisis, leaving many families without SNAP benefits. To help meet this urgent need, we invite gifts to First Baptist's Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund is separate from our church budget and relies entirely on designated donations. These gifts allow Pastor Kristin and Pastor Brittany to provide direct assistance to local families, often through grocery gift cards and other forms of immediate help. They are in conversation with community partners to ensure support reaches those who are most affected.

Our youth are also leading a canned food drive through November 16. Canned items high in protein and calories are especially helpful (please check expiration dates). The collected food will be presented during Youth-Led Worship that day.

As we remember the saints who have given so generously before us, may we continue their legacy, offering our own gifts with gratitude and compassion for our neighbors.



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